



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 334

January Session, 2007

* _____SB00334HS_APP032007_____*

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-61a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [The] On or before January 15, 2008, the Commissioner of Children
4 and Families shall apply [, within a reasonable time,] for accreditation
5 of the Department of Children and Families by the Council on
6 Accreditation. The commissioner shall comply with all procedural and
7 administrative requirements of said council and after obtaining
8 accreditation shall apply for renewal when such renewal is due.

9 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 1, 2008, the
10 General Assembly shall appoint a monitor to oversee the accreditation
11 process by the Department of Children and Families, pursuant to
12 section 1 of this act. Such monitor shall (1) advise the commissioner
13 throughout the accreditation process, (2) coordinate activities with
14 other state agencies to insure their effective participation, (3) act as a
15 liaison between the department and the General Assembly and report
16 to the General Assembly on the progress of the application in
17 accordance with subsection (b) of this section. The monitor shall,
18 within available appropriations, contract with a consulting group with
19 experience in applying for accreditation to assist the commissioner

